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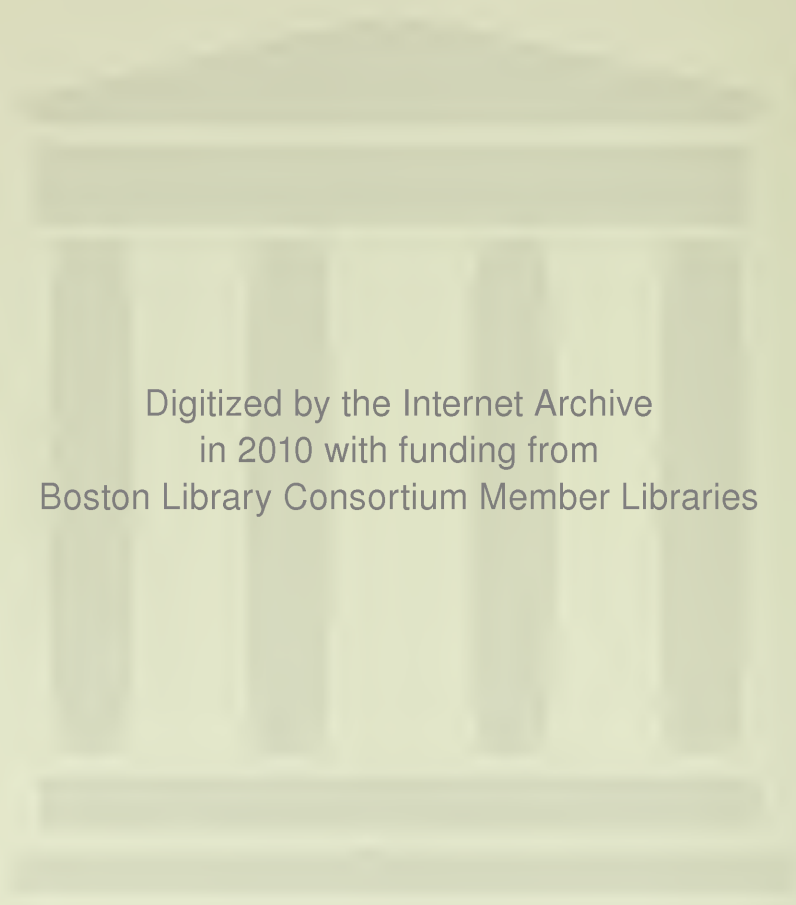
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

1972

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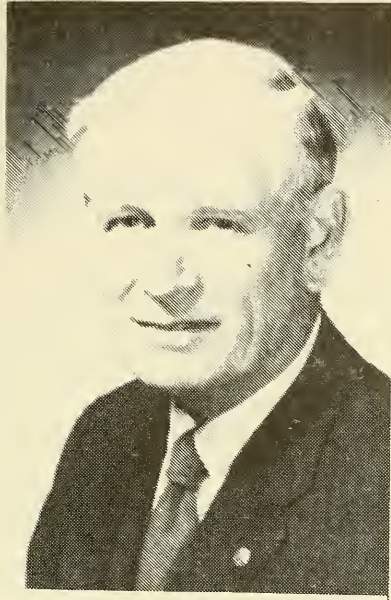
STRAFFORD



For The Year Ending

December 31, 1972

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*The Town of Strafford
Dedicates Its 1972 Annual Reports
To The Honorable
LEONARD C. HARDWICK
For His Many Years As
Moderator and Legal Advisor*

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Albert W. Leighton Alan L. Knight Lester E. Huckins

TOWN CLERK and TREASURER

Phyllis F. Lynbourg

TAX COLLECTOR

James F. Stiles

MODERATOR

Leonard C. Hardwick

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Freda J. Harding Myrtle Hammer Dorothy Chandler

HEALTH OFFICER

Albert W. Leighton

AUDITORS

Roger S. Leighton Donald R. Poppema

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Albert H. Brown Oscar B. Pratt Alan L. Knight

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Hattie M. Foss Martha Z. Bennett Ellen E. Stiles

LIBRARIAN

Eleanor Smith

FIRE WARDEN

Summer B. Hayes

DEPUTIES

Alberton H. Berry George W. Thorne John D. MacDougall
Loren W. Pierce Radford Messenger

ROAD AGENT

Radford Messenger

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

David S. Dupee

BUILDING INSPECTORS

Selectmen

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Edgar E. Burrows, Chief

Harold F. Irving

Carl S. Brown

PLANNING BOARD

Wesley A. Pierce

John F. O'Brien

David Dupee

Albert W. Leighton

James Foss

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Philip Dame

John Heran

Walton Stiles

Wesley Martin

Maurice Caswell

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Polls open 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the sixth day of March next, at ten of the clock, in the forenoon, to act upon the following subject:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Please note: All Articles except No. 1 will be taken up at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 6, 1973.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,700.00 for Public Welfare including Old Age Assistance.

4. To see if the Town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,050.34 to which the State will contribute \$7,002.30.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Department.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for observance of Memorial Day.

8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Lakes Region Association.

9. To hear a Report from the Strafford Library Association on use of funds received and expended.

10. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be

expended by the Library Trustees for current operation. From Revenue Sharing Fund.

11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for control and operation of the Town Dump.

12. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the problem of Waste Disposal in Town and their recommendation.

13. To hear the report and see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,019.00 in the support of the Rural District Health Council. Full amount from Revenue Sharing Fund.

14. To hear the report of and see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department for providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Strafford. From Revenue Sharing Fund.

15. To hear the report of the Town Conservation Commission and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Town Conservation Fund, for final payment of timber on Town Forrest.

16. To see if the Town will approve and appropriate money for the following changes in Town Officers' Salaries:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Selectmen – Chairman	\$700.00	\$900.00
Selectman	600.00	800.00
Selectman	600.00	800.00
Tax Collector	720.00	800.00
Treasurer & Clerk	575.00	800.00
Auditor	35.00	50.00
Auditor	35.00	50.00
Moderator	25.00 per day	40.00 per day

17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance held in Bank Book No. N596 (Class II Highway Acct. Province Road) to the general fund to be used for a Town Tax Map.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300.00 for Civil Defense.

19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$600.00 toward the support of the Strafford Guidance Center, Inc.

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund established under provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriation for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:

Libraries	\$2,000.00
Maintenance of Highways	7,157.50
Barnstead Ambulance	1,500.00
Rural Dist. Health Council	<u>1,019.00</u>
Total	\$11,676.50

21. To see if the Town will Grant 2% discount on Taxes paid within thirty-five days of mailing of tax bill.

22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

23. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

ALBERT W. LEIGHTON
ALAN L. KNIGHT
LESTER E. HUCKINS

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ALBERT W. LEIGHTON
ALAN L. KNIGHT
LESTER E. HUCKINS

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973
or for the Fiscal Year From January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972

APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year 1972	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year 1972	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1973
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 4,300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	2,050.15	2,200.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,000.00	954.71	1,500.00
Auto Permits	1,000.00	1,127.75	1,200.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	500.00	244.99	300.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	500.00	537.67	600.00
Contingency Fund			
Cost of Dog Permits	100.00	111.90	150.00
Legal Expenses	100.00	450.00	250.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Bow Lake Fire Department	800.00	805.40	800.00
Police Department	2,000.00	1,825.11	2,700.00
Fire Department	2,000.00	1,642.72	2,000.00
Care of Trees	200.00	200.00	.....
Insurance	1,000.00	152.25	250.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	252.35	300.00
David Whitcher, well settlement	.....	900.00	.....
Civil Defense	400.00	230.84	300.00
Health Department:			
Barnstead Ambulance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vital Statistics	50.00	15.00	50.00
Rural Dist. Health Council	965.00	965.00	1,019.00
Town Dump	2,800.00	3,393.87	3,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Wingate Bridge Appro.	2,000.00	672.15	.....
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	27,000.00	27,099.14	30,000.00
Street Lighting	750.00	696.94	750.00
Gen. Expenses of Hghwy. Dept.	4,000.00	3,304.85	4,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,074.20	1,074.20	1,050.34
Libraries:	2,000.00	2,003.20	2,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year 1972	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year 1972	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1973
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 170.15	\$ 200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	691.89	3,500.00
Class V Highway	1,835.45	2,325.82	3,137.74
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day, Etc.	100.00	100.00	125.00
Conservation Commission:	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Bow Lake Beach Appro.	100.00	0	.....
Town Map	.....	.....	2,045.38
Advertising & Regional Associations	145.55	0	125.00
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,000.00	419.80	600.00
Capital Outlay:			
County Tax	24,000.00	24,560.60	25,000.00
School Tax	168,040.33	142,748.05	174,146.47
Strafford County Guidance Inc.	.....	.....	600.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$256,260.53		\$267,998.59

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1972	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1972	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1973
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,972.13	\$ 3,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	600.00	1,078.54	1,100.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	4,200.00	4,857.87	5,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	14,412.45	14,430.24	14,430.24
Reimbursement Forest Con- servation Aid, Fires	200.00	18.54	50.00
Reimbursement A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	1,600.00	1,679.04	1,800.00
Class V Hghwy. Maintenance	1,835.45	1,835.45	3,137.74
Reimbursement O.A.A.	100.00	0	0
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	475.00	502.00	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	200.00	190.00	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	13,000.00	14,867.17	15,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	200.00	351.08	350.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds			2,045.38
National Bank Stock Taxes	173.25	174.75	174.75
Resident Taxes Retained	2,200.00	2,172.50	2,750.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	1,574.21	500.00
Surplus from Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	.....	6,678.00	5,008.50
*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			
	41,696.15	53,381.52	55,046.61
*AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			
	.....	.....	212,951.98
TOTAL REVENUES	.....	.....	\$267,998.59

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land — Improved and Unimproved		\$2,169,500.00
Buildings		4,805,441.00
Public Service Co. of N. H.		839,300.00
Travel Trailers — Assessed as Personal Property		9,800.00
Boats and Launches		<u>31,500.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		\$7,855,541.00
Blind Exemptions	\$ 1,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions (30)	91,500.00	
School Dining Room, Dormitory & Kitchen Exemptions	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Allowed		<u>\$ 242,500.00</u>
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate Is Computed		\$7,613,041.00

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally Disabled	1	\$ 600.00
All Other Qualified Persons	<u>75</u>	<u>3,750.00</u>
Total Number and Amount	76	\$ 4,350.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 61,974.65
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,972.00
Trinity Church Camp (in lieu of taxes)	300.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,078.00
Highway Subsidy	14,430.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	4,840.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,311.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	117.00
Dog Licenses	450.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12,717.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	173.00
Resident Taxes Retained	<u>2,678.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 41,066.00
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 20,908.65
Net School Appropriations	153,842.96
County Tax Assessment	<u>24,560.60</u>
Total Town, School and County	\$199,312.21
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted 1970	— 1,679.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	+ 4,350.00
Add: Overlay	<u>+ 7,375.42</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$209,358.63

Property Taxes Committed to Collector

Gross Property Taxes	\$209,358.63
Less: w/Serv. Tax Cr.	<u>— 4,350.00</u>
Total Tax Commitment	\$205,008.63

Tax Rates

	Submitted by <u>Town</u>	Approved by <u>Tax Comm.</u>
Town	\$.42	\$.42
School Dist.	2.01	2.01
County	.32	.32
Tax Rate per Thousand	2.75	2.75

FINANCIAL REPORT
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1972

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALBERT W. LEIGHTON
ALAN L. KNIGHT
LESTER E. HUCKINS
Selectmen

PHYLLIS F. LYNBURG
Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$101,822.31
In hands of officials — Bank Book #72650	<u>1.00</u>
Total	\$101,823.31

Capital Reserve Funds:

Special Highway and Fire Acc.	\$ 4,957.75
Class II Highway Acc.	<u>2,045.38</u>
Total	\$ 7,003.13

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1971	\$ 5,931.36
Levy of 1970	736.94
Previous Years	<u>476.59</u>
Total	\$ 7,144.89

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1972, Including Resident Taxes	\$ 20,372.87
Levy of 1971	<u>300.52</u>
Total	\$ 20,673.39
Grand Total	<u><u>136,644.72</u></u>

Current Surplus, December 31, 1971	\$ 8,519.03
Current Surplus, December 31, 1972	19,254.98
Increase of Surplus – Change in Financial Condition	10,735.95

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Capital Reserve Fund, Water St.	\$ 1,500.00
Appro. for Wall Along Water St.	1,264.65
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	6,678.00
1972 B. L. Beach Appro.	100.00
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	100,842.96
Other Liabilities:	
Bank Book #N595	4,957.75
Bank Book #N596	2,045.38
Bank Book #72650	1.00

Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$117,389.74
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Total Liabilities	\$117,389.74
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Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	19,254.98
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Grand Total	\$136,644.72
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UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year, 1972	\$183,076.90
Resident Taxes, Current Year, 1972	3,950.00
National Bank Stock Taxes, Current Year, 1972	174.75
Yield Taxes, Current Year, 1972	<u>1,574.21</u>
Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	\$188,775.86
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years	13,152.03
Resident Taxes — Previous Years	1,260.00
Interest Received on Delinquent Taxes	351.08
Penalties:	
Resident Taxes — State Head Taxes	110.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	6,716.38

From State:

For Class V Highway Maintenance	1,835.45
Highway Subsidy	14,430.24
Interest and Dividends Tax	2,972.13
Savings Bank Tax	1,078.54
Fighting Forest Fires	18.56
Meals and Rooms Tax	4,857.87
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	1,679.04

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	502.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	190.00
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1971	\$ 258.25
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1972	14,332.55
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1973	<u>276.37</u>

14,867.17

Total Current Revenue Receipts **\$252,796.35**

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 30,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	3,20
Refunds	398.99
New Trust Funds Received	
During Year	730.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (Trinity Church Camp)	300.00
Grants from U. S. A.	
Revenue Sharing	6,678.00
All Other Receipts:	
Taxes Bought by Town	12,271.46
Abatements	995.07
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	\$ 51,376.72
Cash on Hand January 1, 1972	72,647.18
Grand Total	\$376,820.25

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,275.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,050.15
Election and Registration Expenses	954.71
Auto Permits	1,127.75
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	244.99

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	1,825.11
Bow Lake Fire Department	805.40
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	1,642.72
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	200.00
Planning and Zoning	252.35
Dog Licenses	111.90
Insurance	152.25
Civil Defense	230.84
Conservation Commission	1,500.00

Health:

Rural District Health Council	965.00
Health Department, Including Hospitals & Ambulance	1,500.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal	3,393.87

Highways and Bridges:

Class V Highway Maintenance	2,325.82
Town Road Aid	1,074.20
Town Maintenance — Summer	\$ 16,194.20
Town Maintenance — Winter	<u>10,904.94</u>

27,099.14

Street Lighting	696.94
General Expenses of Highway Department	3,304.85

Libraries 2,003.20

David Whitcher Well Settlement 900.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 691.89
Town Poor	170.15

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	100.00
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Unclassified:

Legal Expenses	450.00
Wingate Bridge Appro.	672.15
Taxes Bought by Town	12,271.46
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	1,166.68
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	537.67
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds (New Trust Funds)	730.00

Debt Service:**Interest on Debt:**

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	419.80
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Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Resident Taxes Paid to State Treasurer	
1972	\$ 1,759.05
1971	606.60
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	2,365.65

Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt	
Retirement Taxes	462.65
Taxes Paid to County	24,560.60

Payments to School Districts	
1971 Tax	89,748.05
1972 Tax	53,000.00
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	142,748.05

Total Payments for All Purposes	\$274,997.94
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1972	<u>101,822.31</u>
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Grand Total	<u><u>\$376,820.25</u></u>
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1972

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	750.00
Police Department, Equipment	1,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	9,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Highway Department, Equipment	400.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	7,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	160,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00
3 Acres Joseph Caverly Lot — Dump	200.00
North Strafford School House Lot	75.00
10 Acres Paradise Wood Lot	100.00
½ Acre E. Dudley Lot	100.00
½ Acre E. Wilkinson Lot	200.00
1 Acre George Walker Place	1,500.00
Total	\$211,825.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

John B. Young, Selectman	\$ 120.00
Albert W. Leighton, Selectman	700.00
Alan L. Knight, Selectman	600.00
Lester Huckins, Selectman	500.00
Oscar B. Pratt, Trustee of Trust Funds	50.00
Phyllis F. Lynbourg, Treasurer and Clerk	575.00
James F. Stiles, Tax Collector	730.00
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Total	\$ 3,275.00

Town Office Expense

E. H. Quimby	\$ 1.50
William Lynbourg, Postage	273.21
Brown & Saltmarsh	57.47
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors	10.00
N. H. Municipal Assoc.	68.20
Ridings Press, Inc.	841.23
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	24.40
N. H. Tax Collectors Assoc.	5.00
Marjorie E. Holmes	172.25
State of N. H.	26.04
James F. Stiles	62.50
Phyllis F. Lynbourg	5.00
Fosters Daily Democrat	10.00
George Thorne	2.40
3M Business Products Sales Inc.	30.25
Meaders	13.20
C. Varney	248.00
Foss and Came	199.00
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Total	\$ 2,050.15

Election and Registration	\$ 954.71
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Other Payments

Phyllis F. Lynbourg, Auto Permits	\$ 1,127.75
Town Office, Telephone	244.99
Police	1,825.11
Fire, Including Forest Fires	1,642.72
Blister Rust Program	200.00
Insurance	152.25
Civil Defense	230.84
Vital Statistics	15.00
Ctr. Barnstead Ambulance Service	1,500.00
Town Dump	3,393.87
Highways, Summer	16,194.20
Winter	10,904.94
General	3,304.85
T.R.A.	1,074.20
Class V Maintenance	2,325.82
Street Lights	696.94
Libraries	2,003.20
Old Age Assistance	691.89
Town Poor	170.15
Rural District Health Council	965.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Conservation Commission	1,500.00
Bow Lake Fire Department	805.40
David Whitcher Well	900.00
Expense of Dog Taxes	111.90
Taxes Bought by Town	12,271.46
Discounts and Abatements	1,166.68
Social Security	537.67
Interest on Temporary Loans	419.80
Wingate Bridge	672.15
Legal Expense	450.00
Bond and Debt Retirement Payment	462.65
Planning Board	252.35
Temporary Loans	30,000.00
County Tax	24,560.60
Resident Tax to State	2,365.65

Other Payments (cont.)

Strafford School District	\$142,748.05
New Trust Funds	<u>730.00</u>
Total	\$274,997.94

Highway Account

Total Payments	\$ 32,729.81
Less Class V Maintenance	<u>— 1,835.45</u>
	30,894.36
1972 Highway Appropriation	<u>31,000.00</u>
Unexpended	\$ 106.00

State Highway Subsidy

1972 Highway Appropriation	\$ 30,894.36
Received Highway Fund Grant	<u>14,430.24</u>
Amount Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 16,464.12

1971-1972 School Account

School Appropriation	\$153,842.96
Payments to December 31, 1972	<u>53,000.00</u>
Balance Due Schools	\$100,842.96

Special Highway and Fire Equipment Account

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 4,957.75
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Town Dump

Appropriation (1972)	\$ 2,800.00
William Nelson (caretaker)	2,510.00
Thorne Construction (machine)	45.00
Radford Messenger (machine)	783.00
North Berwick Lumber	<u>55.87</u>
Total	\$ 3,393.87
Overexpended	593.87

Wingate Bridge Appropriation

Expended for Planks	\$	372.15
Expended for Steel		<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$	672.15

Balance of \$1,327.85 was lapsed into the surplus of the Town at the end of the year. The work of installing the planks and steel will be done from current year maintenance funds.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1972

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1972	\$ 72,647.18
Receipts, 1972	<u>304,173.07</u>
	\$376,820.25

Expenditures

Expenditures, 1972	\$274,997.94
Balance, December 31, 1972	<u>101,822.31</u>
	\$376,820.25

Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Co.:

Bank Book No. 72650	\$ 1.00
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Bank Book No. N595

(Capital Reserve Fund)

Balance, January 1, 1972	\$ 4,716.48
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Interest, 1972	<u>241.27</u>
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\$ 4,957.75

Bank Book No. N596

(Class II Highway Acct.)

Balance, January 1, 1972	\$ 1,945.84
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Interest, 1972	<u>99.54</u>
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\$ 2,045.38

PHYLLIS F. LYNBURG
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1972

Receipts:

1971 Auto Permits	
Ser. Nos. 537783 — 537816	\$ 258.25
1972 Auto Permits	
Ser. Nos. 599518 — 600562	14,332.55
1973 Auto Permits	
19 Permits Issued	<u>276.37</u>
Total Auto Permits	\$ 14,867.17
Dog and Kennel Licenses	502.00
Filing Fees	<u>6.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 15,375.17

Remittances to Town Treasurer:

Auto Permits	\$ 14,867.17
Dog and Kennel Licenses	502.00
Filing Fees	<u>6.00</u>
Total Remittances	\$ 15,375.17

PHYLLIS F. LYNBURG
Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING – MARCH 7, 1972

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, the following action was taken on the Town Warrant on Tuesday, the 7th day of March 1972.

The meeting at the Strafford Elementary School in Strafford was called to order by the Moderator, Judge Leonard C. Hardwick, at 10:00 A.M. The polls were declared open for voting on Article 1 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Article 2-28 to be voted on at 8:00 P.M. March 8, 1972.

ARTICLE 1. The following officers were declared elected and administered the oath of office before the Moderator, Judge Leonard C. Hardwick.

Number of eligible voters on checklist:	629
Number of votes cast:	394

		Votes
Selectman for 3 years	Lester E. Huckins	257
Town Auditor for 2 years	Donald Poppema (write in)	51
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years	Alan Knight (write in)	9
Library Trustee for 3 years	Martha Z. Bennett	335
Road Agent for 1 year	Radford L. Messenger	247

The following candidates were not elected:

Selectman for 3 years	John B. Young	122
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The following action was taken on the amendments to the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

1. To permit the location of a building nearer than fifty feet from a structure on an abutter's land, provided it is not located within twenty-five feet of the property lines.

154 yes 218 no

2. To clarify the wording of the grandfather's clause permitting the lawful nonconforming lots which were laid out and recorded at the time of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance and to provide that structures thereon be located not nearer than ten feet from property lines.

173 yes 189 no

3. To require that any mobile home brought into town be not less than four years old from the year of manufacture and contain not less than five hundred square feet.

161 yes 214 no

4. To prohibit mobile homes in the town except in mobile home parks and adopt a mobile home park ordinance.

95 yes 282 no

5. To limit the use of trailers, tent trailers, camper trailers, other than

mobile homes in town and adopt a trailer park (campground) ordinance.
146 yes 230 no

ARTICLE 2. Motion by John Young that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,200.00 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. Seconded by Albert Leighton. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3. Motion by John Young that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Public Welfare and \$1,000.00 for Old Age Assistance or a total of \$2,000.00. Seconded by Albert Leighton. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 4. Motion by Albert Leighton that the Town accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,074.20 to which the State will contribute \$7,161.31. Seconded by John Young. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5. Motion by John Young that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000.00 for Highways and Bridges. Seconded by Alan Knight. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 6. Motion by Albert Leighton that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for repair of the bridge on the Windgate Road. Seconded by Alan Knight. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7. Motion by Madaleen Leighton that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for maintaining Bow Lake Beach at the Dam. Seconded by Arthur Van Buskirk. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8. Motion by Arthur Van Buskirk that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Department. Seconded by Frank Roderick. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 9. Motion by John Young that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the White Pine Blister Rust Control Program. Seconded by Albert Leighton. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10. Motion by Madaleen Leighton that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for observance of Memorial Day. Seconded by Gerald Thorne. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11. Motion by Albert Brown that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the Lakes Region Association. Seconded by Albert Leighton. Vote in the negative.

ARTICLE 12. John Bozak gave the report from the Strafford Library Association on use of funds received and expended. Moved the report be accepted. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Receipts

Bernice Hill Gift	\$10,000.00
Charitable Trusts	3,100.00
Town Appropriations	3,000.00
Individual Contributions	5,643.00

Suppers and Auctions	663.00
Bank Interest	407.00
Land Given by Gordon Hill	
Portion of Excavation by Radford Messenger	

Expenditures

Building Construction	\$17,400.00
Excavation	1,500.00
Paving	450.00
Parking Lot	1,000.00
Erosion & Drainage Control	750.00
Wall Shelves	300.00
Library Furniture	2,000.00

ARTICLE 13. Motion by Kenneth Berry that the Town authorize the Library Trustees to enter into the agreement with the Library Association to furnish facilities and services during the year 1972. Seconded by George Foss. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14. Motion by Ellen Stiles that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for operating the Library. (stated in report) Seconded by Bernice Omand. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15. Moderator directed the Library Trustees report back to the next Town Meeting with recommendations.

ARTICLE 16. Motion by John Young that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 for control and operation of the Town Dump. Seconded by Carl Gustafson. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17. Report on the problem of Waste Disposal in Town given by John Bozak. Accepted as a report of progress.

ARTICLE 18. Report in book. Motion by Carolyn Young that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$965.00 in support of the Rural District Health Council. Seconded by Inez Whitcher. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19. Voted by ballot. (Amendment to the Constitution) Yes 271 — No 127.

ARTICLE 20. Motion by Laura Thorne that the Town prohibit the erection and/or maintenance of fences, No-Trespassing signs and other Barricades on State/Town property along the Lake side of Water Street between the Dam and the Pexhote property. Seconded by Linda Connelley. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21. Motion by Albert Leighton that the article be indefinitely postponed. Seconded by Gerald Thorne. Amendment by Frank Onstott to instruct the Selectmen to put the article in the warrant for the 1973 Town Meeting. Seconded by Frank Roderick. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22. Motion by Arthur Van Buskirk to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to \$2,000.00 of the Special Highway and Fire Equipment

Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase or maintenance and repair of fire equipment for the Center Strafford or Crown Point Fire Department. Seconded by Mark Thompson. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23. Report in book. Motion by Lester Huckins that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department for providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Strafford. Seconded by Madaleen Leighton. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24. Motion by Wesley Pierce that the report be accepted and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Town Conservation Fund. Seconded by John Bozak. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 25. Motion by Stephen Leighton that the Town accept the road (the extension of Water Street from the top of the hill at Pine Acres, at the end of the tarred portion, along the lake shore, to its termination) for a Public Highway when brought up to the required specifications of the March 1966 Town Meeting. Seconded.

Amendment by Albert Leighton — to accept the road for a Public Highway when brought up to the required specifications of the March 1966 Town Meeting, except the required road width be waived to be 28 feet. Seconded.

Motion and amendment carried in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 26. Motion by John Young that the Town grant 2% discount on taxes paid within thirty-five days of mailing of tax bills. Seconded by Frank Roderick. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 27. Motion by John Young that the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Seconded by Albert Leighton. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 28. Motion by Madaleen Leighton to adjourn. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Moderator Leonard C. Hardwick informed the people that this would be the last Town Meeting he would preside at. A rising vote of appreciation for his many years as moderator was given.

A true record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG
Town Clerk

A true copy of record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG
Town Clerk

Current Year's Levy
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1972

	Dr.	
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$205,477.21	
Resident Taxes	4,870.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	174.75	
Total Warrants		\$210,521.96
Yield Taxes		1,574.21
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$ 138.93	
Resident Taxes	200.00	
		338.93
Overpayments During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$ 37.81	
Resident Taxes	00	
		37.81
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		38.01
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		11.00
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$212,521.92</u>
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$183,076.90	
Resident Taxes	3,950.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	174.75	
Yield Taxes	1,574.21	
Interest Collected	38.01	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	11.00	
		\$188,824.87
Discounts Allowed		3,195.74
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$ 128.44	
Resident Taxes	00	
Yield Taxes	00	
		128.44
Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1972:		
(As per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	\$ 19,252.87	
Resident Taxes	1,120.00	
Yield Taxes	00	
		20,372.87
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$212,521.92</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1971

Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes, as of January 1, 1972:	
Property Taxes	\$ 25,213.50
Resident Taxes	1,340.00
Yield Taxes	<u>235.32</u>
	\$ 26,788.82
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	\$ 00
Resident Taxes	<u>560.00</u>
	560.00
Overpayments:	
a/c Property Taxes	\$ 106.25
a/c Resident Taxes	<u>00</u>
	106.25
Interest Collected on Delinquent	
Property Taxes	\$ 354.57
Property Taxes	<u>313.07</u>
	667.64
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 28,222.71

Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year	
Ended December 31, 1972:	
Property Taxes	\$ 13,152.03
Property Taxes Sold to Town	12,271.46
Resident Taxes	1,270.00
Yield Taxes	00
Interest Collected During Year	313.07
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>100.00</u>
	27,106.56
Abatements Made During Year:	
Property Allowed Discount	\$ 23.00
Property Taxes	162.63
Resident Taxes	630.00
Yield Taxes	<u>00</u>
	815.63
Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1972:	
(As per Collector's List)	
Property Taxes	\$ 65.20
Resident Taxes	00
Yield Taxes	<u>235.32</u>
	300.52
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 28,222.71

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1972

LEVY OF	PREVIOUS YEARS		
	1971	1970	1969
Dr.			
a. Balance of Unredeemed Taxes, Jan. 1, 1972		\$ 785.35	\$ 445.76
b. Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$12,271.46	00	00
Interest Collected After Sale	13.19	.80	00
Redemption Costs	9.72	4.86	00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$12,294.37	\$ 791.01	\$ 445.76
Cr.			
Remittances to Treasurer During Year:			
Redemptions	\$ 6,233.87	\$ 48.41	\$ 00
Interest and Costs After Sale	22.91	5.66	00
Abatements During Year	106.23	00	64.29
Deeded to Town During Year	00	00	00
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1972	5,931.36	736.94	381.47
TOTAL CREDITS	\$12,294.37	\$ 791.01	\$ 445.76
			\$ 434.84

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books Owned, January 1, 1972	2,237
Books Purchased	199
Books Donated	728
Memorial Gifts	3
Magazine Subscriptions Given	6
Books Discarded	18
Bookmobile Loans	559
Books Circulated, 1971	3,105
Books Circulated, 1972	5,904
Books Owned, January 1, 1973	3,152

ELEANOR T. SMITH
Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

On Hand January 1, 1972 \$ 697.19

Received:

Town of Strafford, appro.	\$2,000.00	
Book Fines	16.70	
Interest	6.39	
Refund on Unused Gas at Old Library	12.63	
Memorial to Violet Hill	10.00	
Used Book Sale	57.60	
Refund of Social Security	41.02	
Charles W. Varney Insurance, Refund	3.20	
		<u>2,147.54</u>
		\$2,844.73

Expenditures:

Eleanor Smith, Librarian	\$ 761.55
Randy Berry, Custodian	207.00
Heat and Lights	150.05
Insurance	148.00

Expenditures (cont.)

Vacuum Cleaner and Bags	\$ 26.25	
Two New Check Books	5.00	
Social Security	67.22	
Supplies	139.47	
New Books	<u>116.05</u>	
		<u>\$1,620.59</u>
On Hand December 31, 1972		\$1,224.14

Special Fund
(On Deposit at Rochester Trust Co.)

On Hand January 1, 1972		\$2,979.52
Received:		
Interest	\$ 128.03	
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thorne for Dictionary	<u>49.05</u>	
		<u>177.08</u>
		\$3,156.60
Expenditures:		
New Books		<u>705.92</u>
On Hand December 31, 1972		\$2,450.68

ELLEN E. STILES
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1972

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME					
				Principal Beginning Year	Original	Expended During Year	Income	Principal End Year	Checking Account Beginning Year	Amount	Expended During Year	Checking Account End Year
1899	Levina H. Young	Town Note	N.H. Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 51.61	\$ 51.61	\$1,000.00	.....	\$ 51.61	\$ 51.61	.....
1917	Mary J. Wain	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	535.77	400.00	115.71	24.51	444.57	\$ 20.91	115.71	78.00	58.62
6- 3-19	Betsy Welch	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	267.81	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.94
6- 3-21	Nancy Perkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	196.27	100.00	.....	.....	.....	13.81	281.62	.....	.....
10- 2-21	Betsy Hawkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	5.15	.....	.....	10.12	206.39	.....	.....
1-13-21	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	5.15	100.00	5.15	.....
12-25-58	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	583.02	200.00	.....	30.09	613.11	50.71	.....	28.00	22.71
11- 7-22	Abbie Seavey	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6- 6-25	Paul Hayes	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	5.15	.....	.....	5.15	5.15	5.15	.....
6- 2-26	John Bath	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	66.90	50.00	.....	3.44	70.34	13.13	.....	3.25	9.88
6- 2-26	John Waterhouse	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	115.28	100.00	.....	5.94	121.22	17.68	.....	.....	17.68
6- 2-26	Eliza Garfield	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	10.30	10.30	200.00	.....	10.30	10.30	.....
4- 2-27	D. W. Smith	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	219.03	150.00	.....	5.15	100.00	21.60	.....	5.15	16.60
4-21-27	Abbie Caverly	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4-12-27	John W. Jewell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	206.66	100.00	5.37	10.65	217.31	8.55	5.37	5.00	8.92
4- 2-27	John D. Clark	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	104.64	100.00	.....	5.37	104.64	.....	.....	.....	.....
9-10-30	Robert L. Foss	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	303.96	100.00	.....	15.67	319.63	42.40	.....	.....	42.40
9- 2-33	Herbert Foss	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	145.70	100.00	.....	7.50	153.20	.....	.....	5.00	29.87
8- 4-34	Ella F. Holmes	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	.....	10.30	210.30	34.87	.....	.....	11.81
12-10-37	Dearborn & Caswell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	116.12	100.00	.....	5.98	122.10	11.81	.....	.....	27.31
12-10-37	James Walker	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	334.82	200.00	.....	17.25	352.07	27.31	.....	.....	.....
8-12-44	Fred Stanton	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	5.15	5.15	100.00	.....	5.15	5.15	.....
9- 6-50	Elizabeth Hartwell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	267.81	200.00	20.00	13.17	260.98	4.71	20.00	6.00	18.71
3- 5-50	Llewellyn Ham	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	124.26	100.00	.....	6.40	130.66	10.62	.....	5.00	5.62
10-22-50	John Waldron	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	267.81	200.00	.....	13.81	281.62	30.00	.....	.....	30.00
5-11-55	Waldron & Caswell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	115.28	100.00	.....	5.94	121.22	12.24	.....	5.00	7.24
9- 9-57	Paul Perkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	133.92	100.00	.....	6.89	140.81	20.38	.....	.....	20.38
8-11-57	Leighton & Winkley	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	319.06	175.00	.....	16.44	335.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
12-23-58	John Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	430.55	250.00	.....	22.22	452.77	.....	.....	.....	.....
3-10-66	Webster & Tuttle	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	291.47	200.00	.....	15.01	306.48	40.12	.....	25.00	40.12
9- 3-71	Lillian Foss Cooper	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	457.70	375.00	48.60	23.60	432.70	10.08	48.60	.....	33.68
6- 3-72	Rev. John Caverly	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	203.37	200.00	.....	10.49	213.86	.....	.....	.....	.....
9- 5-72	Annie G. Swain & Bessie Gray	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	465.00	465.00	39.00	28.57	454.57	.....	189.00	175.00	14.00
12-31-72	Albert H. Brown	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	.....	3.32	203.32	.....	.....	.....	.....
12-31-72	Albert H. Brown	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
12-31-72	Albert H. Brown	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS				\$8,372.21		\$ 311.19	\$ 420.30	\$8,481.32	\$ 395.06	\$ 461.19	\$ 422.76	\$ 433.49

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, and Trustees of Trust Funds, for the year ending December 31, 1972.

That in our opinion the accompanying statements set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1972.

ROGER S. LEIGHTON
DONALD POPPEMA
Auditors

Strafford, N. H.
February 1, 1973

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission wishes to express deep appreciation to John Sherburn French for the 17 acres wet land property (French Meadow) and to Caman Trust and Mrs. Nealy for land given to the Town. It is a water shed for Bow Lake and assures a flow of clean water for the lake. A map of this area has been made and researched from funds given with a grant from the Ford Foundation.

The Town Forest has been mapped by the students from the Thompson School of Applied Science at the request of the Conservation Commission's Forestry Committee which was greatly appreciated. A Town Forest sign was made from recycled material and has been placed. There have been several work parties to lay out some trails. We have had the help of Forestry and Wild Life professionals on State and County levels to determine the best possible management of the Forest. These services are provided at no cost to the Community.

We have had open meetings conducted by our Wet Lands and Forestry Committees.

Our active committees are Wet Lands, Forestry, Wildlife, Education (library).

There were two new members appointed to the Conservation Commission— Mrs. Jo Ann Brown, Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Richard Nelson.

VICTOR S. BERGSTROM
JO ANN BROWN
Secretary
ROGER S. LEIGHTON
DONALD R. POPPEMA
RICHARD NELSON

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1 — December 31, 1972

Money Received:

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 143.05
1971 Appro. Received January	1,000.00
1972 Appro.	1,500.00
Ford Foundation	500.00
Interest on Bank Account	<u>19.62</u>
Total	\$3,162.67

Money Paid Out:

1972 N. H. State Dues	\$ 35.00
Walter Weidman	1,500.00
Bought Check Book	2.50
Douglas R. Woodward	427.60
Cooper Hall and Walker	66.00
Merrimack Farmers	<u>10.50</u>
Total	\$2,041.60

Savings Bank Balance	\$1,075.81
Check Book Balance	<u>45.26</u>
Total	\$1,121.07

List of Land:

McCabe Property	50 acres
Town Forest	65 acres
French Meadows	17 acres

Total Paid to Mr. Weidman for Timber	\$3,000.00
Total Due	2,000.00

JO ANN BROWN
Secretary-Treasurer
Strafford Conservation Commission

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

This year, through a change in the basic Federal authorization, increased emphasis is being placed on the capabilities of the town to react to natural disasters and such emergencies as a power loss. As in the past our CD program is geared to the utilization of existing town units such as the Police Department and Fire Department to carry out our program.

We were fortunate during the past year to acquire, at a cost of \$50.00, through the Federal Surplus Property Program a tank truck which has been assigned to the Center Strafford Fire Department. Work is continuing on the Surplus Army truck acquired last year for conversion to a tanker to be assigned to the Crown Point Fire Department. Firemen's jackets and boots were acquired at little cost to the town through the same source. Work continues on the kitchen of the Bow Lake Grange Hall by the Community Club with financial assistance from the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association. This action will provide the town with a group feeding area in case of an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID S. DUPEE
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

In New Hampshire, forest fire control is a cooperative State-town program. The Town Forest Fire Warden, appointed by the Director, Division of Resources Development upon recommendation of the Selectmen and the State's District Forest Fire Chief is responsible for fire suppression and other related duties. The State shares equally with the town in the cost of most forest fires, except illegal and careless fires, which are charged to the responsible party. The State further provides fire detection services, prevention programs, fire training for town wardens and crews, and back up equipment for fire suppression.

By authority of the State, the Town Forest Fire Warden controls all outside burning in his town except backyard cooking fires. Any person wishing to kindle a fire when the ground is not covered with snow must obtain a fire permit, free of cost, from the Town Forest Fire Warden. No permits will be issued for fires between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. unless it is raining, except for commercial purposes.

Please be careful when using fire; remember it can be an extremely useful tool when under control but once allowed to run wild it can become a disastrous and devastating force. Only you can prevent a forest fire.

Number of fires reported and acres burned — 1972 season:

State	410 fires	361 acres burned
District	102 fires	55½ acres burned
Town	5 fires	1 acre burned and 2 spot fires

District Chief
ALFRED E. GRIMES

Forest Fire Warden
SUMNER B. HAYES

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Again the bulk of the years appropriation went towards general maintenance for the town roads. Extra work projects included in the budget were:

Sections of existing dirt roads, widened and graveled:

- Skenety from the old Vorman place to the McEven's.
- Evan's Mt. Road from Curtine to Al Berry's new place.
- Trubenback Road.
- Bow Lake end of the Old Ridge Road.

Resurfacing of black top roads:

- Upper end of Bow Lake Road from new section of State road to the Northwood Line.
- Road past Lauris Browne.
- Existing tarred section of Blue Job.
- Cross road between the 1st and 2nd Crown Point Roads.

RADFORD MESSENGER
Road Agent

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Official meetings of the Planning Board were held since the last report. The Board submitted a series of amendments to the present Zoning and Land Use Ordinance at the 1972 Town Meeting. Two involved clarification of present wording, while the others covered regulations for Mobile Homes, Trailer Parks and Campground regulations. All proposals were voted down by the Town. The Planning Board has not submitted any other changes for consideration at this Town Meeting.

Two new members of the Board were appointed by the Selectmen: Wesley Pierce to take former Chairman Raymond Grant's place, whose term had expired, and John O'Brien to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Fred Lundberg.

The Board's principal activity over the past year involved actions required under the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulation of the Town. Hopefully, during the coming year the Board will have the time to work on other important aspects of Town Planning.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID S. DUPEE
Chairman

RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

The Rural District Health Council is continuing to provide comprehensive health services to the member towns: Northwood, Nottingham, Deerfield, Barrington, Strafford, New Durham and Middleton. The nurses provide visiting nurse services as ordered by the physicians, and physical, occupational and speech therapy is available through a contractual agreement with the Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center. There is an active Family Planning Program for anyone interested.

The Well Child Clinics continue to be a very important part of the program. Monthly clinics were held at the Deerfield Community Center for preschool children from Northwood, Nottingham and Deerfield with Dr. William Whitney of Exeter as attending physician. The New Durham Community Center is the site for a monthly clinic for preschool children of New Durham and Middleton with Dr. Wendy Tinklepaugh of Amherst, N. H. attending. In August, a new monthly clinic was initiated at the Barrington Congregational Church for preschool children of Barrington and Strafford with Dr. Tinklepaugh in attendance. Physical examinations and immunizations are done at each of these clinics.

In August, Mrs. Madeline Sullivan moved from the area and Mrs. Ardala Houle has been employed to fill the vacancy. Miss Arlene Thorne continues in the program with a dedication known to all who have the privilege of knowing her. These two nurses provide excellent care for their patients and their spirit of cooperation is a great factor in the continuing success of the Rural District Health Council.

Recently, the towns of Farmington and Milton have expressed interest in joining the Rural District Health Council. This is to be acted upon at their town meetings. The Council representatives are also investigating the possibility of locating the office in one of the member towns and establishing the agency independent of the Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center. With the continued

expansion of the Council, the coming year could prove to be a busy one for all involved in the program.

The Rural District Health Council has been supported by the funds contributed by the towns at a rate of \$1.00 per capita, a state grant and fees for service.

Anyone interested in the program or needing the service is asked to contact Mrs. Cynthia Blood at the Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center, Tel: 436-5716, or a representative of the Rural District Health Council in his town.

CYNTHIA BLOOD

Town Statistics January 1, 1972 thru December 31, 1972

Town	Home Visits	Clinic Visits	Total
Barrington	277	40	317
Deerfield	184	146	330
Middleton	275	93	368
New Durham	327	150	477
Northwood	211	144	355
Nottingham	131	83	214
Strafford	153	37	190
Candia	1	6	7
Farmington	1	—	1
Milton	1	7	8
Total	1561	706	2267
Total Active Patients:			288
Total Discharges:			81

RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL
Financial Report
January 1, 1972 thru December 31, 1972

On Hand December 31, 1971	
From Medicare Reimbursement (1969-1970)	\$ 7,052.00
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Income:	
Services rendered	\$ 9,946.00
Less free service	<u>5,962.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,983.00
Other Income:	
Town subsidy	\$ 7,721.00
Maternal and Child Health Grant	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total	\$11,221.00
Total Income:	\$15,204.00
Expenses:	
Salaries	\$11,623.29
Travel	3,333.97
Supplies	358.60
Postage	30.00
Dues	15.00
Portsmouth Rehab. Center (Admin.)	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Expense:	\$18,360.86
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	\$ 3,895.14
Note:	
Medicare reimbursement due for 1970-1971.	

STRAFFORD GUIDANCE CENTER, INC.

The Strafford Guidance Center is a community mental health agency with offices in Dover. It is accredited under the state Community Mental Health Centers Act, RSA 126:B, and is qualified to receive state and local funds from both public and private sources.

The services of the Strafford Guidance Center are available to all residents of Strafford County without regard to ability to pay. In the last fiscal year, members of the Guidance Center Staff treated a total of 904 patients, people of all ages, only a small percentage of whom were able to pay the Center the full value of services rendered. Attached is a chart indicating the extent of patient use in your community in the last year.

The Guidance Center exists to provide a needed public service. To provide that service it needs public support. The total operating budget last year was \$153,571.00. The Guidance Center Finance Committee anticipates operating costs of \$165,508.00 in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973. This figure reflects only the anticipated increase in salaries and operating expenses to maintain present programs. Of this amount \$33,850.00 must be raised locally from public and private sources in the County.

The Guidance Center Finance Committee is requesting all towns and cities in Strafford County to share, on a proportionate basis, the burden of meeting operating costs at the Center during the next year.

To meet anticipated operating costs in the coming year, the undersigned request that the following amount be included as an appropriation for the Strafford Guidance Center in the School district budget for the present year: \$600.00.

The staff and members of the Board of Directors of the Guidance Center will be pleased to meet with you at any time to provide you with whatever information you may require with regard to this request.

WILLIAM B. CULLIMORE
President, Board of Directors

ROBERT E. HYNES
Chairman, Finance Committee

JOSEPH SCHIRO
Executive Director

LOIS FISTERE
Member, Finance Committee

Patient Activity for FY 1971-1972

Patients carried over from June 1971	334
New admissions July '71 to June '72	570
Total patients seen in 1971-72	904
Terminated in 1971-72	487
Carried over June 1971	417

City of Town	No. Cases Treated in 1971-72		
	Adult	Children	Total
Barrington	14	12	26
Dover	186	133	319
Durham	36	17	53
Farmington	15	21	36
Lee	4	3	7
Madbury	1	4	5
Middleton	1	0	1
Milton	10	13	23
New Durham	2	4	6
Rochester	149	138	287
Rollinsford	6	11	17
Somersworth	73	44	117
Strafford	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
Totals	500	404	904

POLICE DEPARTMENT
January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

The information given is the third year report of the Strafford Police Department.

In the past year the Department has acquired a State Police Monitor which enables us to talk directly with the State Police Cruisers in Strafford County and has been relative to faster service to the citizens of this community.

In the same vein, the Strafford Dispatch Center located in the Sheriff's office has been more than beneficial to the needs of people getting faster and better service when needed. We had a record of 39 such calls to handle since the inception of the Dispatch Center on the first of August 1972.

The Officers of the Department notified all people who were delinquent in paying their taxes relative to dogs being licensed.

Every year a new heading reaches our list. There have been reported four (4) cases where children have been bitten by dogs. We would like to point out that all cases should be reported to this Department and to the Health Officer in town.

This year there are a lot of miscellaneous calls. These are the type that can not be listed in categories.

On behalf of the men in the Department I would like to thank the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR BURROWS
Chief of Police

**Total of Calls Answered for the Year
January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972**

Community Service	
Messages delivered	2
Try and locate	3
Vacant home checks	6
Funerals	4
Motor Vehicle	
Accidents investigated	14
Hit and run	1
Defective equipment tags	14
Stolen cars recovered	2
Attempted stealing cars	6
Illegal parking	13
Complaints Answered	
Malicious damage	14
Breaking and entering	31
Stolen bikes and mini bikes	3
Prowlers	4
Snow mobiles	6
Dog complaints	18
Animals at large	5
Assisting Other Departments	
Investigations	2
People transported	2
Messages relayed	3
Try and locate	12
Actions	
Court cases	9
Warnings	18
Jail transports	2
Miscellaneous	54
Persons Bitten by Dogs	4
Stealing from Mail Boxes and Damage	3
Total	<u>255</u>

STRAFFORD COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER (Projected work load and cost for 1973-1974)

The Center is in full operation and is working better than I expected. The work load is increasing each week and the seven departments and your department are doing an excellent job of providing ample manpower to cover all calls.

Based on the work load of past few weeks, I feel that in 1973, we will have 25,000 telephone calls and 75,000 radio transmissions at the center. At least half of this work will be county related (Sheriff's Department, County Attorney and County Medical Referee).

The seven towns of Farmington, Rollinsford, Barrington, Milton, Strafford, New Durham and Middleton make up the bulk of the other half. Towns and cities not being dispatched by us make up only about 1% of our total work load.

As I indicated in my letter to you on January 13, 1972, the cost would be less if all ten towns wanted to be dispatched from one location. To date, only seven have done so, even though the center could handle all ten at very little extra cost.

The projected cost made last year was ample for 1972. In 1973, we started without Manpower funding and the grant from the Crime Commission will run only until July 1, 1973. This will cut off all outside funding and will require additional funds locally.

In view of this, I would recommend that \$8,000.00 be put in your budget on account #160 and the seven towns be advised that their cost could go to \$1.00 per capita starting July 1, 1973 (making 1973 cost \$.75 per capita based on the 1972 population figure). This will prevail if no additional grants are approved.

Estimated 1973 Receipts Acct. #160		Estimated 1973 Expense Acct. #160	
Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 8,000.00	160 A Salary	\$20,569.00*
7 Towns (Jan. - June)	2,846.00	160 B Telephone	1,800.00
7 Towns (July - Dec.)	6,260.00	160 C Supplies	<u>200.00</u>
Bal. of Grant, Gov. Comm			
Gov. Comm.	<u>5,463.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$22,569.00	TOTAL	\$22,569.00

*Includes 3 full time dispatchers, each at \$5,669.82 per year, 110 days at \$20.00 to cover all days off and vacations, and for county share of retirement fund and Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The future looks bright with the plans for a new court house becoming a reality with a communications room included and a new teletype system due to be installed for a trial period by Gov. Com. on Crime and Del.

For 1974, I feel our work load would have increased to 35,000 telephone calls and 110,000 radio transmissions and 5,000 teletype messages. This could only require one additional person on days to pick up a part of the load.

With the coming of the new court house with possibly a central telephone system, I would strongly urge the telephone system switchboard be put in the communications room and the operator could handle overload on days. (Note: Rockingham Dispatch Center has switched to this only this week and an extra switchboard is too expensive.)

The cost for 1974 would remain about \$30,000.00 and with the population increasing in the seven towns, I would estimate their 1973 population at 15,000.

At \$1.00 per capita, this would finance half the cost of the dispatch center.

I feel that this is the most feasible system for the County and Towns. The type of service you are providing could not be provided as well and for any less money at any other location.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL R. GELINAS
Communications Officer

As you can see by the enclosed letter from our Communications Officer, Paul Gelinas, dated January 13, 1973, the cost of operating the Dispatch Center will not go up very much this year, but county and towns cost will go up as indicated at meeting on July 24, 1972 because of less of outside funding.

In order to insure adequate funding, I will include \$8,000.00 in my budget and your share will increase to \$1.00 per person per year starting July 1, 1973, unless outside funding becomes available.

<u>Payment Due</u>	<u>1-1-73</u>	<u>4-1-73</u>	<u>7-1-73</u>	<u>10-1-73</u>	<u>Total 1973</u>
Farmington	442.75	442.75	905.00	905.00	2,695.50
Rollinsford	279.00	279.00	594.00	594.00	1,746.00
Barrington	231.62	231.62	594.00	594.00	1,651.24
Milton	229.37	229.37	509.00	509.00	1,476.74
Strafford	117.87	117.87	254.00	254.00	743.74
New Durham	70.25	70.25	158.00	158.00	456.50
Middleton	50.37	50.37	113.00	113.00	326.74

It would appear that the cost of \$1.00 per capita per year should carry the Center in the future with all paying only their share based on work load.

I would like at this time to thank everyone who has helped make this joint venture possible, thus upgrading law enforcement by providing this much needed service at a reasonable cost.

Very truly yours,
HAROLD R. KNIGHT
Sheriff

P.S. Please make all checks payable to: Strafford County Treasurer, c/o Sheriff's Department, Court House, Second St., Dover, New Hampshire.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand in checking account, Jan. 1, 1972	\$3,268.63
Received income from Jan. 1, 1972 to Feb. 9, 1973	<u>2,046.50</u>
Total	\$5,315.13
Expenses for year 1972 through Feb. 9, 1973	<u>4,916.85</u>
Balance on hand in checking account Feb. 9, 1973	\$ 398.28

The above financial report finds all outstanding bills paid with a balance of \$398.28 plus approximately 300 volumes of the history still to be sold.

JOHN B. YOUNG

CENTER BARNSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

We of the Center Barnstead Fire Dept. urgently request the town of Strafford to raise the sum of \$1,500, this being your share of the expense (total of \$15,000), for the hiring of two men for the ensuing year to operate our ambulance during the day-time hours. The rest of the 24-hour period will still be covered by our volunteer firemen without pay.

We will continue to maintain our ambulance by the voluntary contribution method we have used the past thirteen years.

The above figure arrived at by using the year-round population in the seven towns we serve computed at \$1.50 per person per year.

Sincerely,
WARREN E. RILEY
Chief

Annual Cost Per Man

Salary	\$ 6,500.00
Blue Cross Insurance	309.44
Social Security	380.25
Workmen's Compensation Ins.	141.00
State of N. H. Unemployment Ins.	130.00
Vacation	125.00
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Total	\$ 7,585.69
Second Man	7,585.69
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	\$15,171.38

CENTER BARNSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>Appropriated 1972-1973</u>	<u>Appropriation Needed For 1973-1974</u>
Pittsfield	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700
Barnstead	1,800	1,800
Chichester	1,700	1,700
Epsom	2,300	2,300
Gilmanton	1,700	1,700
Northwood	2,300	2,300
Strafford	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

	<u>Ambulance Calls 1971</u>	<u>Ambulance Calls 1972</u>
Pittsfield	68	74
Barnstead	50	48
Epsom	46	66
Northwood	48	36
Strafford	7	13
Chichester	18	25
Gilmanton	<u>24</u>	<u>28</u>
Total	261	290

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Officers

SCHOOL BOARD

Carolyn Clarke, Chairman	Term Expires 1973
Robert D. Dowst	Term Expires 1974
Edgar W. Huckins, Jr.	Term Expires 1975

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles H. Morgan, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kenneth J. Beaupre, B.Ed., M.Ed.

TREASURER

Mrs. Christine Bozak

MODERATOR

None

CLERK

Mrs. Sylvia Dowst

AUDITORS

Roger Leighton

Donald Poppema

ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Leonard W. Davis

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lois Fistere, R.N.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 6th day of March 1973, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 1st day of February 1973.

CAROLYN CLARKE
ROBERT D. DOWST
EDGAR W. HUCKINS, JR.
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CAROLYN CLARKE
ROBERT D. DOWST
EDGAR W. HUCKINS, JR.
School Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 13th day of March 1973, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
4. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.
5. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the district, such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U. S. government and/or state agencies.
6. To see if the District will authorize the calling of a special meeting for consideration of a building addition and to vote thereon.
7. To see if the District will appropriate the sum of \$123.00 for payment of Child Benefit Services provided by the School District of Dover to students who are residents of this School District and who attend Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, and further authorize the School Board to apply for any grant from the state as provided under RSA 198:22.

8. To see if the District will:

a. Approve the dual enrollment plan between the District and the St. Thomas Aquinas High School, said plan to be educational offerings as subsequently listed for approximately six students at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School for the School Year 1973-74: Algebra, Math 9, Geometry, Biology, Advanced Biology, Physics, Electronics, Art, and Physical Education. The faculty will consist of an administrative staff and 8 and 1/5th teachers; and which plan shall be administered by the School District of Dover; and further authorize the school board to sign any necessary agreement to implement the program.

b. Authorize the School Board to assign certain students who are residents of the District, to the dual enrollment classes administered by the School District of Dover and further authorize the School Board to make such contractual arrangements that may be necessary to implement the said assignment of students.

c. Appropriate the sum of \$4,392. for the payment of the cost of tuition incurred by the assignment of said students to the dual enrollment program administered by the School District of Dover at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School and to authorize the School Board to apply for any grants under RSA 198:21, which funds will be credited to the District.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 8th day of February 1973.

CAROLYN CLARKE	} School Board
ROBERT D. DOWST	
EDGAR W. HUCKINS, JR.)	

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CAROLYN CLARKE	} School Board
ROBERT D. DOWST	
EDGAR W. HUCKINS, JR.)	

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1971		\$ 1,653.93
Received from Selectmen	\$154,748.05	
Revenue from State Sources	4,757.43	
Revenue from Federal Sources	6,777.91	
Received from Tuitions	162.00	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	51.10	
Received from All Other Sources	<u>3,260.90</u>	
Total Receipts		169,757.39
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		171,411.32
Less School Board Orders Paid		<u>157,254.12</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1972		\$ 14,157.20

September 27, 1972

CHRISTINE A. BOZAK
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, and find them correct in all respects.

September 22, 1972

DONALD POPPEMA
ROGER LEIGHTON
Auditors

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE
STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**
For the Fiscal Year Beginning
July 1, 1971 and Ending June 30, 1972

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1971		\$ 1,653.93
Received from Local Sources		
Current Appropriation		154,748.05
Other Revenue from Local Sources		
Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments	\$ 51.10	
Rent	40.00	
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		\$ 91.10
Revenue from State Sources		
School Building Aid	\$ 1,439.89	
Sweepstakes	2,895.46	
Other Revenue	422.08	
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		4,757.43
Revenue from Federal Sources		
National Defense Educ. Act	\$ 284.74	
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	2,945.17	
Public Law 874	3,548.00	
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		6,777.91
Item 60 Receipts (Reimbursable Expenditures)		<hr/> 3,382.90
Grand Total Net Receipts		\$171,411.32
Total Expenditures (see following pages)		<hr/> -157,254.12
Balance		\$ 14,157.20
Encumbered Funds		<hr/> -400.00
Unencumbered Balance		<hr/> \$ 13,757.20

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

Outstanding at Beginning of Year:		
Strafford School	\$ 45,000.00	
Strafford School Addition	46,366.88	
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		\$ 91,366.88
Payments of Principal of Debt:		
Strafford School	\$ 5,000.00	
Strafford School Addition	3,566.76	
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		-8,566.76
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year		<hr/> \$ 82,800.12

DETAILED EXPENDITURES (1971-1972)

Administration	Total
Salaries	
Carolyn Clarke, Chairman School Board	\$ 200.00
Robert Dowst, School Board	200.00
Edgar Huckins, School Board	200.00
Christine Bozak, Treasurer	200.00
Leonard Hardwick, Moderator	10.00
Sylvia Dowst, District Clerk	15.00
Donald Poppema, Auditor	20.00
Roger Leighton, Auditor	20.00
	<hr/> \$ 865.00
Contracted Services	
Bookkeeper, Dorothy Colwell	\$ 350.00
Census, Leonard Davis	30.00
	<hr/> 380.00
Other Expenses	
Jason E. Boynton, School Board Assoc.	\$ 75.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	90.80
	<hr/> 165.80
Instruction	
Salaries	
Principal & 4th Grade Teacher, Irene Scribner	\$ 7,400.00
Teachers	
Grade 1 — Ada Hayes	6,700.00
Grade 2 — Nancy Higgins	6,400.00
Grade 3 — Mary Ellen Childs	6,000.00
Grades 5—6, Library — Louise Williams	6,850.00
Grades 6—7, Phys. Ed. Richard Boyle	6,300.00
Grade 8 — Mary Higgins	6,700.00
Music — Mary Jacques	1,274.28
	<hr/> \$ 47,624.28
Tutoring	
Bernice Omand	\$ 564.00
Sally Low	128.00
	<hr/> 692.00
Substitutes	
Marion Conroy	\$ 262.50
Dorothy Berry	15.00
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Textbooks	450.45
Library & Audio Visual	180.00
Teaching Supplies	2,124.26
Other Expenses	24.25

Attendance Services		
Truant Officer, Leonard Davis	\$	25.00
Health Services		
School Nurse, Lois Fistere		2,000.00
Supplies & Travel		123.31
Pupil Transportation		
Contracted Services		
Virgil Scribner	\$	9,746.88
Douglas Hatch		4,281.16
		<u>14,028.04</u>
Operation of Plant		
Custodial Salary — William Lynbourg		4,000.00
Supplies		626.74
Heat — James K. Horne		1,615.42
Utilities		
Public Service & New England Telephone		1,690.69
Maintenance of Plant		
Repairs to Equipment		138.47
Contracted Services		
Perfection Engineering	\$	351.00
Labrie & Sons		92.50
		<u>443.50</u>
Repairs to Building		
Cocheco Cleaning — Blinds		80.00
Misc.		66.40
		<u>146.40</u>
Fixed Charges		
Employees' Retirement	\$	1,153.34
F.I.C.A. (Social Security)		2,442.91
		<u>3,596.25</u>
Insurance, Building		452.00
School Lunch & Special Milk		
District Contribution	\$	500.00
Federal Contribution		2,945.17
		<u>3,445.17</u>
Student Body Activities		278.84
Capital Outlay		
Sites		
Dame's Paving	\$	485.00
Merrimack Farmers		26.60
Thorne Construction		300.00
		<u>811.60</u>
Equipment		
J. L. Hammett Co. (Science)		299.55
A. H. Rice		139.95
Hovey's Audio Visual		73.14
Adirondack Chair Co.		346.43
Misc.		12.45
		<u>871.52</u>

Debt Service		
Principal of Debt		\$ 8,566.76
Interest on Debt		3,902.76
Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
Tuition to Other Districts	\$ 38,847.27	
Tuition to Public Acadamies	11,082.15	
District Share of Union Expenses	3,612.89	
Other — Guidance Clinic	<u>200.00</u>	53,742.31
Expenditures Other Than Public Schools		
Tuition Great Bay School	\$ 400.40	
Travel	<u>182.50</u>	582.90
Total		\$153,871.22
Item 60 Expenditures (Reimbursed)		<u>3,382.90</u>
Grand Total Detailed Expenditures		\$157,254.12

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET
1973-1974

Purpose of Appropriation	Adopted 1971-72	Expended 1971-72	Adopted 1972-73	Proposed 1973-74
Administration				
Salaries	\$ 845.00	\$ 865.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 845.00
Contracted Services	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00
Other Expenses	150.00	165.80	150.00	150.00
Instruction				
Salaries	50,350.00	48,593.78	53,450.00	56,400.00
Textbooks	600.00	450.45	800.00	1,400.00
Library & Audiovisual	410.00	180.00	510.00	510.00
Teaching Supplies	2,160.00	2,124.26	2,660.00	3,000.00
Contracted Services			200.00	.....
Other Expenses	100.00	24.25	100.00	100.00
Attendance Services	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Health Services	2,250.00	2,123.31	2,550.00	2,550.00
Pupil Transportation	14,997.00	14,028.04	14,497.00	16,349.00
Operation of Plant				
Salaries	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,150.00	4,150.00
Supplies	700.00	626.74	700.00	700.00
Heat	1,700.00	1,615.42	1,700.00	1,800.00
Utilities	1,650.00	1,690.69	1,850.00	1,800.00
Maintenance of Plant	860.00	728.37	1,150.00	1,320.00

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET
1973-1974

Purpose of Appropriation	Adopted 1971-72	Expended 1971-72	Adopted 1972-73	Proposed 1973-74
Fixed Charges				
Employee Retirement & F.I.C.A.	\$ 4,270.50	\$ 3,596.25	\$ 4,633.69	\$ 5,071.09
Insurance	1,010.00	452.00	1,295.00	1,295.00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	1,700.00	3,445.17	2,100.00	1,800.00
Student Body Activities	100.00	278.84	200.00	200.00
Capital Outlay				
Sites	500.00	811.60		
Equipment	1,035.00	871.52	100.00	312.00
Debt Service				
Principal of Debt	8,566.76	8,566.76	8,566.76	8,566.76
Interest of Debt	3,902.77	3,902.76	3,523.35	3,143.93
Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State				
Tuition	53,054.00	49,929.42	64,612.50	63,653.00
Transportation			800.00	800.00
Supervisory Union Expenses	3,612.89	3,612.89	3,797.05	3,940.69
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00	300.00	.....
Expenditures to Other Than Public Schools			1,800.00	1,790.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$159,128.92	\$153,871.22	\$177,445.35	\$182,051.47

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES AND CREDITS**

	Approved Revenues <u>1972-73</u>	Estimated Revenues <u>1973-74</u>
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 13,757.20	
Revenue from State Sources		
Sweepstakes	4,257.85	3,500.00
School Building Aid	1,780.28	2,570.00
Other Revenue from State Sources		
Dual Enrollment	772.06	100.00
Revenue from Federal Sources		
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	1,500.00	1,600.00
PL 874 (Impacted Area-Cur. Oper.)	1,500.00	100.00
Local Revenue Except Taxes		
Trust Fund Income	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 23,602.39	\$ 7,905.00
District Assessment to be Raised by Property Taxes	<u>153,842.96</u>	<u>174,146.47</u>
Total Appropriations	\$177,445.35	\$182,051.47

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
Financial Statement**

July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

Beginning Balance, July 1, 1971		\$ 497.92
Receipts		
Lunch Sales — Children	\$5,824.04	
Lunch Sales — Adults	77.53	
Reimbursement	2,945.17	
District Appropriation	500.00	
Misc. Cash	<u>52.41</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$9,399.15</u>
Total Available		\$9,897.07
Expenditures		
Food	\$5,610.21	
Labor	3,197.90	
Equipment	95.80	
All Other Expenditures	<u>212.48</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$9,116.39</u>
Balance, June 30, 1972		\$ 780.68
Other Program Resources		
USDA Commodities Received (Wholesale Value)		\$1,050.00

BALANCE SHEET
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1972

Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$ 780.68
Accounts Receivable	
Reimbursement Due Program	323.16
Food Inventory — June 30	187.63
Supplies Inventory — June 30	10.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,301.47
Total Liabilities	\$ None
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND WORKING CAPITAL	\$1,301.47

DOROTHY L. SMITH

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:

In September, the Strafford Elementary School was organized as follows:

Grade	Teacher	Pupils
1	Mrs. Sally Low	26
2	Miss Nancy Higgins	19
3	Miss Maryellen Childs	21
4	Mrs. Irene Scribner, Principal	26
5-6	Mrs. Patricia Sukduang	35
6-7	Mr. Richard Boyle	35
8	Mrs. Mary Higgins	<u>23</u>
		185

Other Staff Members

School Nurse	Mrs. Lois Fistere
Music Teacher	Miss Elizabeth Ireland (January)
Art Teacher	Mrs. Eleanor Byrne
Readiness Aide	Mrs. Barbara Newsy
Custodian	Mr. Robert Hefferman
Lunch Supervisor	Mrs. Dorothy Smith
Lunch Worker	Mrs. Dorothy Colwell

Strafford tuition pupils attending high schools and approved public academies, as well as special education facilities, are as follows:

School	Grade					Tuition Rate
	9	10	11	12	Total	
Coe-Brown Academy	5	3	2	0	10	\$896.00
Dover Vocational	1	2	0	0	3	896.00
Great Bay School					1*	895.00
Pittsfield High School	1	0	1	2	4	765.00
Rochester High School	9	17	15	15	56	617.65
Totals	16	22	18	17	74	
*Ungraded						

As one reflects upon the years which have passed, one can only have mixed feelings relative to the population growth of a rural community such as Strafford. On the one hand, there appears to be an exodus from the city to the country, while on the other hand the nostalgia engendered by the gradual passing of the rural attributes of life makes one wonder as to the benefits one receives due to the infusion of "new blood". One may note that in the School District report for 1962-63, there was an enrollment of ninety-five pupils in grades one through eight. Now, ten years later, the figure is 185. The census indicates that this growth will continue.

The problem of school space, at least for a few years, had seemingly been solved even with the growth of population, when the District took two actions. Namely: the assignment of pupils in grades 7 and 8 to the Rochester AREA School and the addition of two more classrooms to the building. However, a short time ago the District voted on November 16, 1972, to take whatever action is necessary to withdraw these two grades from the AREA School. As was pointed out by your School Board at that meeting, this action, as a consequence, requires district action favorable to the construction of additional classroom space in order that Grade 1 and Grades 5, 6, and 7 will each have a standard classroom. This would free the auditorium for more community use, as originally intended, and would also make possible the expansion of school activities in the areas of physical education, music, assemblies, and the like.

Despite the handicap of double grades, we have been most fortunate in being able to retain a highly competent and experienced staff. The newly implemented departmentalized program is worth-while, even though each classroom is also being used for study hall purposes. The teachers who have implemented and coordinated this program are Mrs. Higgins, English; Mr. Boyle, Social Studies, and Mrs. Sukduang, Science. Each of these teachers also teaches arithmetic.

The interest in the youngsters has not been limited to the educators alone, as SAY has devoted much time and energy in giving help where it is most needed. The volunteers furnished by SAY are to be commended, as well as the labor furnished in erecting athletic equipment, and making other physical improvements on weekends. SAY has worked closely with the administration and School Board and has offered its services many times.

For the interest of the voters and citizens, it seems wise to make a brief explanation of the changes caused by the more recent interpretations and developments relating to the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I.

If the District is to continue to receive the benefit of Title I funds, there are some conditions which must be met.

If a Title I program has been funded for three years by federal monies, and has proven to be valuable, the local district should adopt the program. This point has been reached in regard to the Teacher's Aide.

A second factor, which is also critical, is to be found in the following quotation from the publication of the New Hampshire Title I Office in Concord and issued by the director.

... this office would no longer be able to approve what was termed "non-cooperating cooperative projects." The implications of this move are several. Whereas, in the past it has been possible for the several school districts in a cooperative project to conduct separate and distinct Title I activities, this will no longer be possible. It, therefore, becomes obvious

that when the smaller districts join together to form a cooperative project, it will have to operate on the basis of shared services for disadvantaged children ...

... Additionally, we will be seeking justification related specifically to the local situation explaining why any program of less than \$10,000.00 is not being combined ...

Therefore, starting in November of 1972, the districts of Barrington, Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford began a series of several meetings of their School Boards in an effort to cooperate in the interests of disadvantaged children. The final outcome of these meetings has not been determined at this time.

In closing, we would like to thank the citizens of Strafford, the School Board, the staff, and the pupils for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MORGAN
Superintendent

KENNETH J. BEAUPRE
Assistant Superintendent

**SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT AND
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

1971-72

(R.S.A. Chapter 189:48 — New Hampshire Laws)

School District	% Local Share	Superintendent	Asst. Superintendent
Barrington	\$ 14.635	\$ 1,902.55	\$ 1,582.04
Farmington	22.72	2,953.60	2,456.03
Middleton	3.675	477.75	397.27
Milton	14.23	1,849.90	1,538.26
Northwood	12.585	1,636.05	1,360.44
Nottingham	7.325	952.25	791.83
Strafford	8.82	1,146.60	953.44
Wakefield	16.01	2,081.30	1,730.69
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	\$100.00	\$13,000.00	\$10,810.00
State's Share		2,500.00	2,190.00
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		\$15,500.00	\$13,000.00

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Our school health program continues to change, through improvement and expansion of services. Routine inspections with vision and hearing tests are but a small part of the services offered during the school year.

The following areas were covered during the last school year:

Dental Health and Education— Appropriate pamphlets, film strips, records or sound films were used at all grade levels during the school year. The fall program began with a visit from the State Hygienist and the prophylaxis clinic got underway, with Mrs. Anne Huckins as Hygienist. Once again the SAY and the New Hampshire Dental Public Health Department sponsored this very worthwhile project, when 126 students received care. This year, with the assistance of the Strafford Women's Club and the Division of Public Health, a matching fund program helped four of our students obtain dental care: x-rays, examinations, fillings and extractions. Dr. Peter Low was the dentist and we appreciate his interest and concern for the students of our school. It is our hope that we continue with this type of program.

Clinics— The entire school personnel was tested for tuberculosis by the New Hampshire Tuberculosis Association.

Mothers from the Strafford Co-op Kindergarten sponsored a preschool "lazy eye" clinic— 21 tested for vision, 2 non-testable, 23 tested for hearing, 1 failed and was referred for further testing.

The annual "booster" clinic, made available by the New Hampshire Bureau of Public Health, was directed by Dr. Richard Roy. Vaccines for immunization were offered to first and eighth grade classes and several preschool children. Diptheria-tetanus— 27, oral polio— 14, measles— 2.

New Hampshire State Law RSA-200:38, now requires all children, "prior to school entrance," to have the following:

1. Measles Vaccine (having had the disease is acceptable when verified)
2. Oral Trivalent Polio Vaccine
3. Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT)
4. Rubella Vaccine
5. Tuberculin Test (within one year of school entrance)
6. A physical examination by the family doctor.

Health and Safety Education— Films and materials for classroom use were obtained from: the T.B. Association, Heart Association, State Education Department, Bureau of Dental Health, National Dairy Council, Fish and Game Department. These films were on the following subjects: smoking, nutrition, dental care, personal safety, growth and development, and personal hygiene.

Pupils examined — 198

Vision tested — — 198

Defects — 13

Corrected — 13

Hearing tested — 198

Defects — 3

Referral — 3

First aid — — — — — 45

Home visits — — — — — 26

Impetigo — — — — — 4

Ringeworm — — — — — 2

Preschool exams — 19

The school health service should not only implement the State Standards, but encourage the good physical health, and mental well-being of our students. Through the continued interest and involvement, by all the members of our community, we can

—help promote better health

—get better students

— and better students make better citizens.

My sincere appreciation to all those who helped our health service program this year.

Respectfully submitted,
 LOIS FISTERE
 (Mrs. C. G. Fistere)

**SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 44
SUGGESTED SCHOOL CALENDAR
1973-74**

SCHOOL SESSIONS	NO. OF DAYS
1. FALL TERM	
Starts September 5, 1973, Closes December 21, 1973	74
2. WINTER TERM	
Starts January 2, 1974, Closes February 15, 1974	33
3. SPRING TERM	
Starts February 25, 1974, Closes April 19, 1974	40
4. LAST TERM	
Starts April 29, 1974, Closes June 14, 1974	<u>34</u>
Total Days	181

DAYS OUT

Teacher's Convention	October 19, 1973
Veteran's Day	October 22, 1974
Thanksgiving Recess	November 22-23, 1974
Memorial Day	May 27, 1974

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 1	Exeter	M	Mark J. Onstott	Francis M. Onstott	Marsha Y. Madden
Apr. 13	Concord	M	Brian J. Haynes	Philip J. Haynes	Amelia A. Burnette
May 12	Dover	M	Timothy J. F. Karwowski	Robert J. Karwowski	Kathleen F. Ashe
May 24	Portsmouth	M	Robert T. Inglis	Harold L. Inglis	Bonnie G. Peabody
July 11	Rochester	M	Matthew B. Dame	John E. Dame	Cynthia H. Brown
Sept. 15	Rochester	F	Alana L. Rogers	Marvin L. Rogers	Viola C. Loring
Sept. 16	Rochester	M	Shawn A. Hodgdon	Wayne M. Hodgdon	Theresa L. Thurston
Sept. 27	Dover	F	Suzanne J. Burgess	Harold C. Burgess	Sharron R. Bunnell

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHYLLIS F. LYNBURG

Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTRED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age of Birth	Place of Birth	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 6	Concord	Willis G. Bennett	67	N.H.	Automobile Salesman	Preston H. Bennett	Grace H. Hersom
Feb. 2	Rochester	William H. McKay	76	N.H.	Master Mechanic	William H. McKay	Martha E. Dexter
Mar. 23	Rochester	Ruth A. Tebbetts	44	N.H.	Housewife	Fred Pitman	Harriet Wilson
Mar. 24	Strafford	Esther R. Henderson	77	Mass.	Housewife	Frederick W. Rogers	Ann L. Patterson
May 5	Rochester	Ruth H. Adams	75	Mass.	Housewife	Robert Paterson	Charlotte Paterson
May 6	Rochester	Harry P. Murray	87	Mass.	Carpenter	Abner P. Murray	Amelia Tweed
May 19	Concord	Walter I. Smith	69	Mass.	Watchmaker	Walter I. Smith	Rose Gately
June 20	Strafford	Harold O. Phillips	71	Mass.	Carpenter	Otis L. Phillips	Addie Williams
Aug. 23	Rochester	Margaret E. Flint	71	N.C.	Housewife	Watt Barringer	Martha Caldwell
Aug. 30	Hanover	William E. Parkinson	68	Mass.	Construction	William E. Parkinson	Nell Good
Sept. 29	Exeter	Frederick P. Lundberg	71	Mass.	Shoe Executive	Edmund T. Lundberg	Mable Thompson
Oct. 12	Rochester	Sarah J. Foss	85	N.H.	Woolen Mill	George Drew	Abigail Jacobs
Nov. 4	Rochester	Arthur G. Scruton	91	N.H.	Farmer	John Scruton	Lydia Varney
Dec. 22	Strafford	Chester R. Weeks	72	N.H.	Mechanic-Machinist	Waldo G. Weeks	Clara O. Cass

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Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom & Bride	Res. of Each at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth Date	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	By Whom Married
Jan. 29	Rochester	Richard L. Allard Luanna E. Hilliard	Rochester Strafford	Dec. 13, 1943 Feb. 28, 1948	Me. N.H.	Leopold Allard Yvette Bedard Sumner Robbins Theresa Ouellette	Ernest J. Levesque Justice of Peace Rochester, N.H.
June 24	Lebanon	David A. Pope Carolyn A. Lahar	Strafford Lebanon	Aug. 11, 1951 June 8, 1953	Alaska Vt.	Julian A. Pope Ida Forest Eugene L. Lahar Bertha S. Ricard	Raymond Laferriere Priest Lebanon, N.H.
July 15	Northwood	Steven A. Omand Susan L. Strachan	Strafford Northwood	Oct. 22, 1949 June 22, 1953	N.H. N.H.	Robert C. Omand Bernice Follansbee Mearl C. Strachan Mary M. Reese	Richard B. Haines Rev. Northwood, N.H.
Aug. 19	Exeter	John C. Clarke Susan Asquith	Strafford Barrington	Aug. 19, 1948 Nov. 24, 1944	N.H. Mass.	John L. Clarke Mildred E. Buker John F. Asquith Charlotte E. Swett	William E. McGrath Justice of Peace Rye, N.H.
Aug. 26	Strafford	John F. Warfield Olivia S. Osgood	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Sept. 18, 1897 June 25, 1905	Penn. N.H.	Nathan R. Warfield Laura Lehman Harry G. Strathern Edna Thyng	Richard B. Haines Rev. Northwood, N.H.
Dec. 3	Strafford	Brian W. Thorne Elizabeth P. Grant	Strafford Strafford	Mar. 27, 1952 Oct. 4, 1954	N.H. Md.	George W. Thorne Olive Shiere Robert T. Grant Margaret Woodworth	Howard B. Higgins Pastor Strafford, N.H.
Dec. 27	Strafford	Donald L. Fogg Judith A. Bates	Strafford Durham	Dec. 11, 1946 Jan. 22, 1947	Me. N.H.	Donald Fogg Fern M. Coffin Donald Bates Doris LaBounty	Lawrence H. Rouillard Episcopal Priest Durham, N.H.

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